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The proposed settlement is inadequate to discourage and prevent Microsoft's abusive practices. This is a CONVICTED MONOPOLIST! Consider what effect similar constraints would have had on Standard Oil 100 years ago -- effectively nothing. Ridiculous! This is one of the richest companies in the country, with a stranglehold on desktop computing (achieved illegally!!) that has every intention of exploiting its current (illegally obtained) position to further its stranglehold.

Very severe penalties are required if innovation (and the associated creation of value, wealth, and progress) is to return to the computer software industry.

Read the history of the AT&T breakup! The only part of the communications industry that DIDN'T benefit was local services, where the monopoly was maintained. And we see the impact to this day with the predatory practices of the RBOCs on the aspiring broadband internet service providers. Monopolies MUST be dismembered or they continue to perform against their charter (maximize shareholder value) irrespective of the consequences to the public.

Break Microsoft up into MANY pieces. In the end, it will be better for Microsoft's shareholders as well as the public interest.

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